

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"A Flash of Lightning" at the Arch.

Augustin Daly's drama of "A Flash of Lightning" was produced last evening at the Arch to a full house. The work of preparing the effects of the piece continued up to the moment of the rising of the curtain, and it was even feared that it could not be got ready in time. Notwithstanding this, the play went off very smoothly for a first night, and if the applause of the audience is to be considered as an evidence of success, it may be pronounced a decided hit. The success of the piece, however, is to be attributed entirely to spirited acting and fine scenic effects, for, considered by itself, it is a mass of unmitigated trash, and of all the worthless plays that have proceeded from the pen of David D. Pate, this is the least of them.

The City Amusements.

AT THE CHESTNUT there will be three performances to-morrow. The circus troupe now at this establishment contains a number of very superior artists in their various lines of business, and the entertainment is one that can be heartily enjoyed. Full houses will be the order of the day as long as the Chestnut to-morrow, we doubt not.

CITY ITEMS.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL, not by Dickens. THE SNOW, THE SNOW, THE SNOW. On the horse-top, on the shed, Under your feet, on top of your head, Kick where you will, above, below, You see the snow the snow.

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